1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 7 WILD FISH CONSERVANCY, CASE NO. 21-cv-169 8 Plaintiff, ORDER DISMISSING MOTIONS TO 9 INTERVENE AS MOOT v. 10 WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & 11 WILDLIFE; KELLY SUSEWIND, in his official capacity as the Director of the 12 Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife; BARBARA BAKER, in her official capacity as 13 Chair of the Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission; MOLLY LINVILLE, in her 14 official capacity as Vice Chair of the Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission; 15 JAMES ANDERSON, in his official capacity as a member of the Washington Fish & Wildlife 16 Commission; LORNA SMITH, in her official capacity as a member of the Washington Fish & 17 Wildlife Commission; JOHN LEHMKUHL, in his official capacity as a member of the 18 Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission; TIM RAGEN, in his official capacity as a member of 19 the Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission; MELANIE ROWLAND, in her official capacity 20 as a member of the Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission; and KIM THORNBURN, in her 21 official capacity as a member of the Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission, 22 Defendants. 23 24

This matter comes before the Court on the Nooksack Indian and Tulalip Tribes of Washington's, Squaxin Island Tribe's, the Lummi Indians of the Lummi Reservation of Washington's, and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians' (collectively, "Prospective Intervenors") motions to intervene for a limited purpose in Plaintiff Wild Fish Conservancy's Endangered Species Act lawsuit against the named defendants to this action. Dkt. Nos. 50, 56, 57, 64. After the Prospective Intervenors filed their motions, the parties to this action filed a proposed consent decree purporting to resolve all claims. Dkt. No. 73. The Court requested supplemental briefing from the Prospective Intervenors in response to the proposed consent decree, and each Prospective Intervenor answered that the consent decree would moot their request to intervene. *See* Dkt. Nos. 73, 76-79. The Court has since entered the consent decree. Dkt. No. 81.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the Prospective Intervenors' motions to intervene are DISMISSED as moot.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2023.

Jamal N. Whitehead

United States District Judge

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